

his law degree, Shane spent 2 years in the U.S. Army assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate. Before entering private practice, Creamer spent 11 years with the U.S. Justice Department in Philadelphia, including 8 years as the first assistant U.S. attorney and in 1968 served as the first director of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission. In 1968 he published the first edition of his first book "The Law of Arrest, Search and Seizure," which was used as a training manual for the U.S. Secret Service for a number of years in the 1970s and 1980s. In 1971, he published his second book, "A Citizens Guide to Legal Rights."

From 1971 to 1973 Shane served as the attorney general of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which was followed by a successful career as a trial lawyer specializing in civil and criminal cases with the law firms Carroll, Creamer and Duffy; Sprague, Creamer and Sprague; Montgomery McCracken; and Dilworth, Paxson, LLP. In 1980 he returned to Villanova University as a professor at the law school for 5 years. Shane has also served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Philadelphia Prison System and as a member of the board of Goodwill Industries. He continues his dedication to service as a member of both the board of the Pennsylvania Prison Society and Joint State Government Commission's Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions.

As president of AARP Pennsylvania, Shane championed the interests of Pennsylvania's 1,905,000 seniors. Older Pennsylvanians have certainly benefited from Shane's passion and tireless dedication. During his tenure, AARP fought for Medicare Part D drug coverage and won approval of a new State law that ends discrimination against older workers receiving Social Security. The AARP has recently helped strengthen the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly, PACE, and the PACE Needs Enhancement Tier in Pennsylvania, expanded the property tax and rent rebate program, and improved the State's long-term care system.

Shane Creamer is an outstanding advocate in the fight to protect the interests of older Pennsylvanians and truly a great supporter for the elderly. He will be missed in his capacity as Pennsylvania's AARP president as he goes forward in his future endeavors. I congratulate him on a brilliant tenure and applaud Shane's outstanding service to the people of Pennsylvania. I wish him, his wife Mary-Ellen, and all his family the very best in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE ALLEN SHARP

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a remarkable Hoosier, Judge Allen Sharp, as he assumes Senior Status after 34 years as a judge on

the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. As he enters this next phase of his career, I know that Judge Sharp will continue to serve the people of our State and Nation.

Upon graduating from the Indiana University School of Law in 1957, Judge Sharp entered private practice in Williamsport, IN, successfully arguing *Hopkins v. Cohen* before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1968. In 1969 Sharp became a Judge of the Appellate Court of Indiana, serving the people of Indiana in that capacity until he was confirmed as a U.S. District Judge in 1973.

Over the course of nearly three and a half decades on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, including 15 years as chief judge, Judge Sharp has served with distinction. In the performance of his duties, he has presided over civil and criminal jury trials in four different U.S. District Courts and sat by special designation on four U.S. Appeals Courts.

In addition to his exemplary service to our Nation as a member of the Federal judiciary, Judge Sharp also served with the U.S. Air Force Reserve, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Outside of the courtroom, Judge Sharp has also distinguished himself as a scholar, teaching at Butler University, Indiana University South Bend, and Milligan College. He has also authored both books and scholarly articles, several of which focus on historical aspects of the law and government.

I am pleased to join with my colleagues in congratulating Judge Sharp and his family as we celebrate his remarkable service.●

RECOGNIZING LIVING NUTZ

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize a small business from my home State of Maine that has revolutionized the health snack food market. Living Nutz, a company that sells all-natural, organic nuts and seeds in a variety of delicious flavors, provides its customers with delicious treats that are exceedingly nutritious without sacrificing an ounce of taste.

Seth Leaf Pruzansky and Davy Pruzansky, brothers who founded Living Nutz in 2002 in the basement of their house in Bowdoinham, ME, represent the hard work and passionate drive that go into small businesses in Maine and across the Nation. It takes Living Nutz's core group of seven employees about a week to clean, season, and prepare nuts for distribution to retail stores throughout the United States and Canada, as well as for sales through Living Nutz's website. From almonds to walnuts and raisins to pumpkin seeds, Living Nutz offers 19 varieties, including sweet ones like Banana Bread and Cina-Pecan-Bun, and spicy ones like Lemon Tahini Twist and Spicy Onion Garlic. The company is also certified by the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, ensuring both the quality and authenticity of its snacks.

Living Nutz employs a time-intensive process to produce several thousand pounds of nuts each week. First, the nuts are soaked overnight in water. Then, the next morning, employees place the nuts in large bowls and add all-natural flavoring. The nuts are finally placed into dehydrators for 5 days before being packaged and shipped. The Pruzansky brothers believe that the soaking method delivers a more desirable product, and one that is easier to digest. They say that these "living nuts" are significantly richer in enzymes and nutrients than nuts that are cooked. In the end, this lengthy procedure yields healthy and taste-filled nuts, as well as repeat customers and devoted fans of the company.

Living Nutz recently played a cameo role in the 2008 Screen Actors Guild awards, as the Guild selected the company to contribute 1,500 bags of its mixed nuts for the actors' and attendees' gift bags. What makes this occasion so unique is that the Screen Actors Guild actually approached the Pruzansky brothers with the opportunity, instead of vice versa. As a result of this exposure, the brothers hope to take on new customers and even celebrity clientele, and are seeking to expand by adding new facilities, equipment, and employees.

The Pruzansky brothers and Living Nutz are symbols of Maine's great small business achievements. They have proven beyond a doubt that healthy food can taste great. The brothers' unique spin on healthy food, combined with their great sense of business skills, has made Living Nutz such a successful company. Therefore, I congratulate the company on its success from Maine to Hollywood, and wish everyone at Living Nutz the best for years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5264. An act to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.